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Biblical Department—Raphael H. Melamed, B. A. (New York University), Rabbi (Jewish Theological Seminary of America), 1712 N. Marshall St. Joseph Reider, B. A. (College of the City of New York)

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LIST OF STUDENTS

FIRST QUARTER, SUMMER TERM 1910

RAPHAEL H. MELAMED, B. A. (New York University) Rabbi (Jewish Theological Seminary of America) Major subject, Bible; Minors, Talmudic-Midrashic Literature, Syriac and Arabic

BERNARD REVEL, M. A. (New York University) Major subject, Rabbinical Literature; Minors, Bible and Assyriology

MAUD DOWNING, B. A. (University of Toronto) Reader in Semitics, Bryn Mawr College

ARTHUR A. DEMBITZ, B. A. (Johns Hopkins University) Instructor in Jewish History, Gratz College

Reverend LEON H. ELMALEH (Jewish Theological Seminary of America) Minister, Congregation Mikve Israel. Philadelphia

JUDITH GOEPP, Graduate Gratz College, Instructor in German, Girls' High School, Philadelphia

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CARRIE HAMMERSCHLAG, Graduate Gratz College

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ARTHUR A. DEMBITZ B. A. (Johns Hopkins University) Instructor in Jewish History, Gratz College

MOSES ECKSTEIN, B. A. (Central High School) Graduate Gratz College, student Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Columbia University

LOUIS FEINBERG, graduate Central High School

DAVID J. GALTER, graduate Gratz College, student Pennsylvania State Normal College, Teacher, School of Practice, Gratz College

OSCAR LEVIN, Student New York University, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

CALMAN DAVID MATT, B. A. (University of Pennsylvania) Graduate Gratz College, Student Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Columbia University, Teacher, Religious School, New York City

JOHN MEIGHAN, B. A. (Temple University) B. D. (Crozer Theological Seminary) Pastor of the New Britain Baptist Church, New Britain, Bucks County, Pa.

SAMUEL A. RABINOWITZ, B. A. (Haverford College) Student Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Teacher, School of Practice, Gratz College

AARON ROBISON, B. A. (College of the City of New York) Student Jewish Theological Seminary of America

HERMAN H. RUBENOVITZ, B. A. (College of the City of New York) Rabbi (Jewish Theological Seminary of America) Minister Adath Jeshurun Congregation, Louisville, Ky.

MORRIS TELLER, B. A. (Central High School) Graduate Gratz College, Student University of Pennsylvania, Teacher Hebrew Education Society School

FOUNDATION

The College is founded in accordance with the provisions of the last Will and Testament of Moses Aaron Dropsie, an eminent citizen and lawyer, all his life resident in the City of Philadelphia, which testament was executed on September 17, 1895. He directed "that there be established and maintained in the City of Philadelphia, a college for the promotion of and instruction in the Hebrew and cognate languages and their respective literatures and in the Rabbinical learning and literature." He also directed "that in the admission of students there shall be no distinction on account of creed, color or sex". Mr. Dropsie departed this life on July 8, 1905. The Charter was granted to the College under date of June 6, 1907 under the style of The Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, this name being selected by the Governors as a memorial to the Founder. The Charter and the accompanying papers are printed in full in the Preliminary Register for 1909.

LOCATION

The Governors have purchased a site on Broad Street below York, directly adjacent to the new Synagogue of the Mikve Israel Congregation and to the building of the Gratz College. Arrangements have been made with the Trustees of Gratz College to carry on the work of the Dropsie College temporarily in the building of the Gratz College, at York street, near Broad, until such time as the Dropsie College shall have erected structures for its own use.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Students desiring to enter the College as candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy must have received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from a College or University in good standing, or show evidence of education equivalent thereto, and must also have a good preliminary knowledge of the Hebrew language and its literature or alternatively of some cognate language and its literature. In accordance with the terms of the foundation, no distinction on account of creed, color or sex will be made in the admission of students.

Students not desiring to enter for the Doctor's degree, but possessed of sufficient knowledge to enable them to profit by the courses offered, will be received as special students.

There is no tuition fee in the College.

DEGREES

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy may be granted when the following conditions are satisfactorily complied with in addition to those mentioned as requirements for admission:

The candidate must have a bachelor's degree from a reputable college or university or must show that he has pursued a course of study equivalent to that for which the bachelor's degree is conferred.

The candidate must have a knowledge of French and German sufficient for purposes of investigation.

The candidate must have pursued advanced study and research for not less than nine Quarters, three of which must be spent in residence at the College.

The studies pursued must consist of one major or principal subject, and two minor or subsidiary subjects.

The candidate must write a thesis upon some approved subject connected with the major or principal subject, which gives evidence of his ability to do original work, is a contribution to human knowledge, and is accepted by the faculty.

The candidate must pass satisfactorily examinations in all the studies pursued.

The degree will not be given for the mere reason of faithful study for a prescribed time, nor for miscellaneous studies, but on the ground of long study and high attainment in a special branch of learning.

Any one of the three principal departments, namely, Biblical Studies, Rabbinical Studies, or the Cognate Languages, may be taken as a major subject, in which event two other studies must be taken as minor subjects, the object being that every candidate for the doctor's degree shall pursue a general course, although specializing in one department.

FELLOWSHIPS

Five Fellowships have been established by the Governors yielding Five hundred dollars annually which will be awarded under the following regulations:

The candidate must have a liberal education, at least a bachelor's degree from a reputable college or university or a certificate from an institution of like character.

He must show by a thesis, or publications, or certificate from his instructors, a special knowledge of Hebrew or cognate studies and an aptitude for engaging in research work.

The Fellow is expected to perform such duties in the College as may be allotted to him by the President or Professor of his Department.

He will be expected to devote his time to special studies under the direction of the Professor, and to give evidence of his progress by the preparation of a thesis, the completion of a piece of research, the delivery of a lecture or lectures, or some other method which may be determined upon by the faculty.

The Fellow shall not accept other employment except by permission of the President, and this permission will be granted only when it is clear that it does not interfere with his College work and is in such lines as will actually further it, such as teaching his special subject.

The Fellowship shall be tenable for one year, and a Fellow may be reappointed, but not for a period exceeding three years.

Applications should be made in writing to the President before May 1 and should be accompanied by a full statement of the applicant's previous studies, of the special subject he desires to pursue, and copies of papers actually published.

Appointments to Fellowships will become operative September 1, of each year.

ACADEMIC TERMS

The year is divided into two terms, a winter term and a summer term, and each term into two quarters separated by an interval of two full weeks. The exact dates of the terms will be announced in each register. The first Quarter of the Winter Term 1910 will begin on Monday, October 31 and extend to December 23. The second Quarter of the Winter Term will begin January 9 and extend to April 7, 1911.

COURSES OFFERED

BIBLICAL DEPARTMENT—Professor MARGOLIS will conduct the following courses:

The Book of Joshua in Greek. Monday and Tuesday 2:4 p. m.

A study of the textual condition of the Greek text. The parallel chapter in Josephus' *Antiquities* and the secondary versions (Syriac, Ethiopic, Sahidic) will be read in the class; an opportunity will also be afforded for consulting the other ancient versions (Targum, Peshiṭta, Vulgate) and Eusebius' *Onomasticon*. An attempt will be made to recover the earliest form of the Greek version and to determine the Hebrew text underlying it. The pronunciation of Hebrew in pre-masoretic times will be studied. The course will be preceded by an account of the origin of the Greek version and of the history of its textual transmission on the basis of Swete's *Introduction to the Old Testament in Greek*.

Grammar of Biblical Hebrew on a comparative and historical basis. Monday 10-12 a. m.

This course will be continued through a number of years and comprise in the form of lectures a sketch of the history of Hebrew grammar and of the Hebrew language; script and orthography; phonology; morphology; syntax; rhetoric and stylistics; the system of poetic and prose accentuation; the metrical theories. Scope will be afforded for the discussion of mooted questions and for research along the lines of such matter as is imperfectly handled in the current text books.

Note—This course will ultimately be followed by a similar course in Biblical Aramaic.

Mr. Melamed, Fellow in the Department, will read the Targum of Canticles, Friday 2-4 p. m.

RABBINICAL DEPARTMENT—Professor MALTER will conduct the following courses:

Life and Works of Saadia Gaon. Wednesday 2-3 p. m.

Conditions of the Jews in the Orient, especially in Egypt, the native country of Saadia, during the ninth century; Saadia's origin, youth, and education; relations to contemporary Jewish Mohammedan scholars; beginning of his public and literary career; his departure from Egypt and settling in Palestine (916); controversy with Ben Meir concerning the calendar; appointment as Gaon of Sura (928); rupture with the exilarch David b. Zakkai (930); deposition and flight to Bagdad; reinstatement in the office of Gaon (937); classification of Saadia's works: halakic writings; polemical works against the Karaites and other opponents of traditional Judaism; philosophy; a brief summary of his "Emunot" with casual readings of the text; linguistics, exegesis, and liturgy; writings of various descriptions; Saadia's influence upon subsequent generations.

Leading principles in Rabbinic Law and their application in the Talmud and later halakic literature (e. g. ברירה, חזקה, רוב). Wednesday 3-5 p. m.

Talmud, reading of the tractate Nedarim with the commentary of Nissim Gerondi. Thursday 2-4 p. m.

Midrash Shir ha-Shirim Rabba. Thursday 4-5 p. m.

Mr. REVEL, Fellow in the Department, will read selections from the compendium of Alfasi. Monday and Tuesday 9-10 a. m.

DEPARTMENT OF COGNATE LANGUAGES

Doctor HOSCHANDER will conduct the following courses:

Babylonian. The Code of Hammurabi; Old Babylonian Documents in the Cuneiform Texts of the British Museum. Wednesday, 10-12 a. m.

Assyrian: Selections from the Historical Inscriptions of Tiglathpileser, Sargon, etc.; The Gilgamish Epic. Thursday 10-12 a. m.

Arabic: Socin's Grammar; Selections from Brünnow's Chrestomathy; the Koran; the Islamitic Conquests by Al-Balādhuri. Friday 10-12 a. m.

Syriac: Brockelmann's Grammar with Chrestomathy; Selections from the Peshitta; the Chronicles of Joshua the Stylite; the Chronicles of Barhebraeus. Tuesday 10-11 a. m.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Professor George F. Moore, LL. D. of Harvard University, will deliver a course of ten lectures on Judaism at the Beginning of the Christian Era of which the following is a schedule:

1. Judaism at the end of the Persian period. (Summary of the religion of the Old Testament, especially as represented in the later Prophets, Psalms, etc.) Monday, January 23

2. History of the Jews from Alexander to the Antonines. (With especial reference to its influence on the religious development). Wednesday, January 25

3. The Scriptures. Religious Institutions. Thursday, January 26

4. Jewish Theology: The Idea of God. Monday, January 30

5. Man: Sin and Righteousness; Retribution. Wednesday, February 1

6. Ethics. Thursday, February 2

7. Piety. Monday, February 6

8. The Golden Age; the last Judgment and the other world. Wednesday, February 8

9. Hellenistic Judaism. Thursday, February 9

10. Judaism and the beginning of Christianity. Monday, February 13

The lectures will be given at five o'clock in the afternoons.

BOOK AND JOURNAL CLUB

The Faculty and Fellows, together with the regular students and such others as may be invited for the purpose, meet regularly under the chairmanship of the President to discuss and criticise books and articles in the field covered by the work of the College.

PUBLICATIONS

The College is continuing the publication of the Jewish Quarterly Review, which had been issued in England for a period of twenty years under the editorship of Messrs. Israel Abrahams and C. G. Montefiore. This undertaking is with a view of providing a medium for the publication in the English language of articles and reviews in the interest of Jewish literature, history, and religion, Hebrew philology, and kindred subjects. The first number of the New Series appeared in July, 1910. The Quarterly is edited by the President of the College, Doctor ADLER, and the President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Doctor SCHECHTER, with the aid of eminent scholars.

It is expected that other learned publications will be issued from time to time.

FOUNDER'S DAY

By a vote of the Governors, March 9, the anniversary of the birth of Mr. DROPSIE, is celebrated annually as Founder's Day.

CO-OPERATION

The College will aim to co-operate with all existing institutions and departments of universities having similar objects, and also with primary and secondary Jewish schools in the hope of developing a consistent system whereby Hebrew learning in all its stages may be advanced.

RESEARCH

All of the instruction in the College will be of post-graduate standard and time will be afforded to Professors, Fellows, and students for original investigation and research, which will be furthered as one of the fundamental purposes of the Institution.

The enrollment of students for the Winter term will take place on October 31, 1910, in the building of the Gratz College, on York street, near Broad.

Students may apply in writing to Doctor CYRUS ADLER, President of the Dropsie College, York street, near Broad, Philadelphia.